

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

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Proposed Information Collection (Disabled Veterans Application for Vocational

Rehabilitation) Activity: Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the Federal Register concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension without of a currently approved collection and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments for information needed to determine a veteran's eligibility for vocational rehabilitation benefits.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at www.Regulations.gov or to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M35), Department of Veterans Affairs,

810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420 or email to nancy.kessinger@va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0009" in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through FDMS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 632-8924 or FAX (202) 632-8925.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3501 – 3521), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, VBA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VBA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VBA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

Title: Disabled Veterans Application for Vocational Rehabilitation (Chapter 31, Title 38 U.S.C),

VA Form 28-1900.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0009.

Type of Review: Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA Form 28-1900 is completed by Veterans with a combined service—

connected disability rating of ten percent or more and awaiting discharge for such

disability to apply for vocational rehabilitation benefits. VA provides service and

assistance to veterans with disabilities, who have an entitlement determination, to gain

and keep suitable employment. Vocational rehabilitation also provides service to

support veterans with disabilities to achieve maximum independence in their daily living

activities if employment is not reasonably feasible. VA use the information collected to

determine the claimant's eligibility for vocational rehabilitation benefits.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 16,961 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 15 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Annually.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 67,844.

Dated: January 10, 2014.

By direction of the Secretary.

Crystal Rennie, VA Clearance Officer,

Department of Veterans Affairs.

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